



File Code: 1570
Date: February 15, 2018

Dear Interested Party:

I am enclosing the Draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Yuba Project. The Yuba Project Preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA), which was provided to you for the 30-day comment period (pursuant to 36 CFR 218 Subpart B), has been modified in response to comments we received during the comment period. The revised, final EA is available on-line at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/tahoe/landmanagement/projects>. In addition, copies of the EA are available at the Yuba River Ranger District Office, 15924 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA 95922 or by contacting the Project Leader or Environmental Coordinator. (Contact information is provided in the last paragraph of this letter.)

This draft decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Only those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or other designated comment periods are eligible to file an objection. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment periods.

Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of the legal notice in Grass Valley's *The Union*. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service; Attn: Yuba Project Objection; 1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592. Ph. (707) 562-8737. Objections may be submitted via mail, FAX (707-562-9229), or delivered during business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). Electronic objections, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to: objections-pacificsouthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us with Subject: Yuba Project.

Objections must include the following information (36 CFR 218.8(d)): (1) objector's name and address, with a telephone number, if available; (2) objector's signature or other verification of authorship; (3) identification of a single lead objector when applicable; (4) project name, Responsible Official's name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); (5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, the objection; and (6) description of the connection between the objection and the objector's prior comments. Documents incorporated by reference must adhere to 36 CFR 218.8(b).



If no objections are filed during the objection filing period, the responsible official may sign the DN/FONSI on, but not before, the fifth business day following the end of the objection filing period (36 CFR 218.12(c)(2)). If an objection is filed, implementation of the Yuba Project will not occur until the objection review process has been completed and the responsible official signs the Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Yuba Project. The responsible official may not sign the DN/FONSI until all concerns and instructions identified by the objection reviewing officer in the objection response have been addressed (36 CFR 218.12(b)).

For further information, please contact: Roger Brown, Project Leader, or Dennis Stevens, Environmental Coordinator, Tahoe National Forest, Yuba River Ranger District, 15924 Highway 49, Camptonville, CA 95922, phone (530) 478-6253.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ELI ILANO', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ELI ILANO
Forest Supervisor

Enclosure: Yuba Project Draft DN/FONSI

cc: Eric Burke, Acting District Ranger